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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - IRAQ AND GAZA DONOR
CONFERENCE

11. LEAD STORIES: Lead items on Tuesday morning included a plunge in the Dow stock index below the 7,000 mark during Monday's trading, as well as a new rescue package devised by the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve for American International Group (AIG).

12. "Improvement of Security Most Important" On President Obama's announcement on a U.S. military withdrawal from Iraq, the top-circulation, moderate Yomiuri insisted in an editorial (3/3): "A pullout will come just at a time when Iraq is confronted with a tough political challenge toward self-reliance. A withdrawal must not be allowed to end up aggravating the security situation. It must be processed cautiously while ensuring the safety in Iraq."

13. "Foremost Priority Should Be Given to Stability" The liberal Tokyo Shimbun editorialized (3/3): "In outlining his plan for the U.S. force withdrawal from Iraq, President Obama again laid out his policy of holding dialogue with Iran and Syria. His quick actions, such as having Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Kerry meet with Syrian President Assad, are commended.... However, potential sources of conflict still remain unchecked, such as religious and ethnic rivalries."

14. "Dim Prospects for Reconstruction of Gaza" On the donor conference held in Egypt on the reconstruction of Gaza, the liberal Asahi wrote (3/3): "During the meeting, donors pledged more than \$4 billion in total in aid for Gaza. However, given that Hamas and Israel did not take part in the confab, it remains uncertain whether the aid commitment made during the conference

will swiftly result in the actual delivery of relief goods for those in need in Gaza."

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